

## **Weekly Police Beat for the Week Ending April 30, 2021**

### **Car Stolen, Two Unlocked Cars Entered Saturday Night**

*The stolen car was recovered in DC on Wednesday night*

On Sunday morning (April 25), Village Police received reports of theft activity that occurred overnight as follows:

- A resident of the 5500 block of Montgomery Street discovered that his unlocked car had been entered; nothing was taken.
- A resident of the 5600 block of Kirkside Drive reported that someone entered his unlocked car and stole \$5 worth of coins.
- A resident of the unit block of East Melrose Street discovered that his car was missing. The car had been unlocked, and the owner could not locate one of the key fobs belonging to the car.

Village officers entered the stolen car into the national database.

On Wednesday evening (April 28), DC police officers found the stolen car parked on 1<sup>st</sup> Street Southeast in Washington, DC. The officers impounded the car and alerted Village Police.

Officer Timmerman and Sgt. Tiedemann from the Village Police Department responded to the storage lot to examine the car for latent evidence. After Officer Timmerman processed the car for fingerprints, he drove the car back to the Village using the spare key supplied by the car's owner. The car was undamaged.

We suspect that the same person(s) who entered the cars on Montgomery and Kirkside were also responsible for stealing the car on E. Melrose. This is not uncommon; the petty thieves open unlocked car doors, root around for anything worth stealing, and then push the 'start' button to see if the owner left a fob inside the car. If the car starts, the thief simply drives off with the car. This type of car theft is a crime of opportunity.

**Residents are urged to lock their cars each time they park, and to account for all key fobs. It is almost impossible to steal modern keyless-start cars unless a fob is inside the car, so please take your key fob with you when you exit your car.**